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Balloons mark 150 years for Nodaway County



SARAH ELLIOTT/Chief Photographer

Up, up and away! Hot air balloons highlighted Nodaway County's Sesquicentennial festivities on Saturday at Maryville Memorial Airport. People throughout the county were in attendance as hot air balloons ascended.

Into the summer sky. Six of the seven balloons from the Midwest Hot Air Balloon group took off Saturday evening; however, the seventh did not depart because of unforeseen difficulties. See story, page 5.

University vies for award again

Site visit to judge quality of school as part of contest for national recognition

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

For the second year in a row, Northwest will try to do what no other Missouri college or university has ever done — win a Missouri Quality Award.

Missouri Quality Awards are given annually to businesses and schools that exemplify quality throughout their entire operation.

While there are many definitions of quality, University President Dean Hubbard sees it as a journey, not a destination.

"Quality is a receding horizon; you don't arrive at quality," Hubbard said.

Institutions that are in the running for the award do not compete against one another. Instead, they go through a grueling process of applications and evaluations.

Northwest's preparation for the 1995 award began almost immediately after it did not win the award last year, which was the first year Northwest applied.

Since then, faculty and staff members have worked vigorously to fill out applications and prepare themselves for a site visit that will begin Monday and end Wednesday.

The focus of Northwest's team in 1994 was not

Missouri

These are the percentages that the Missouri Quality Award bases its points around.

Customer Focus and Satisfaction	30%
Quality in Operational Results	18%
Human Resource Dev. Manage.	15%
Manual of Process Quality	14%
Leadership	9.5%
Information and Analysis	7.5%
Strategic Quality Planning	6%

uality
Award

necessarily to win the award. Patt VanDyke, who served as chairwoman of the Customer Focus and Satisfaction group, said the benefit of entering was all the information the University gained from the experience.

"We didn't go into it to win," VanDyke said. "We went in for the process and the feedback. The award would have been an added bonus."

Hubbard said this year winning is the main goal.

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Increase in theft makes campus more informed

Campus Safety looks to improve security after recent damages

JENNIE NELSON
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Northwest may have been called the safest school in Missouri just last year, but that does not mean the campus is theft-free.

Sgt. Shawn Collie, investigator for Campus Safety, said there has been an increase in cars and residence hall thefts this year.

Approximately eight instances of car thefts and damages and an additional three thefts in the residence halls have been reported.

Collie said the thefts in the residence halls have been mostly cash. "The main problem in the residence halls has been people leaving cash out," he said. "In one case \$200 was stolen along with the billfold."

Collie said car thefts and damage, which has totaled between \$800-\$1,000, has been more of a problem.

Some of the incidences reported included broken mirrors, stolen licenses plates, a rear window broken out and a car rolled over on its side.

Collie said while no cars have been stolen, there have been close calls.

"On one car they actually broke

into it, got the car started, but then for some reason the horn started sounding and it scared them away," he said.

Collie said the thefts and damage are high for this time of the year.

"It has started early," he said. "We have had a lot of thefts start right away. It's getting to be a serious problem, because my concern is that as time goes by, it will only get worse."

The main location of the thefts and damage has been on the west side of campus, Collie said.

"Most of our break-ins have been in the lots around the baseball field and around the high rises" he said.

Campus Safety is calling on everyone to learn prevention and to be aware of what is happening.

"We need help from everybody," he said. "I think a lot of this is happening around the time the bars are closing, and there are a lot of people still out walking around that could help by calling us when they see stuff."

Collie said basic prevention can help someone avoid being a victim of theft.

"People that have removable stereos, CDs, and tapes need to take those and lock them in the trunk," he said. "People have also been leaving

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Prison hopes to use Northwest interns

Treatment center is looking for counselors, support staff

CINDY HANSEN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Maryville Treatment Center, which will be located at the former Mount Alverno Convent, is looking to include the University in its progress.

Many correctional facilities hire medical service companies to provide the inmates with health care. In Alverno's case, they are looking into the idea of hiring an educational institution to provide their inmates with higher education.

"Many of the inmates will not have completed high school and so we (the Maryville Treatment Center Advisory Group) are looking into the possibility of providing GED and vocational training to them," said David McLaughlin, associate professor of government.

The Maryville Treatment Center Advisory Group helps tie the treatment center to the University. They are looking into a contract for counseling services that would create an increase in demand for support staff and therefore create internships.

"Regardless of a contract, internships will be available," McLaughlin said. "Everything is an opportunity and our students should benefit."

The areas of internships could vary depending on the service needed.

"The University and the treatment center are tied in other ways. Two members of the faculty, Cheryl Meyer, assistant professor of psychology/sociology/counseling, and McLaughlin, preside on another committee called the Nodaway County Correctional Facility Liaison Committee. This committee exists, according to its constitution, to be a liaison between the community and the Maryville Treatment Center.

"Students are considered part of the community and therefore they can voice their concerns to any member of the committee and they will be addressed," Meyer said.

The liaison committee meets with the superintendent of the center, Bill Burgess. According to its constitution, the group must meet twice a year. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 at the facility.

Student publishes book of science fiction stories

COLLEEN COOKE
COPY DIRECTOR

Years of pounding away at the computer and spending every free moment working on his craft have led to the bookstore shelves for one student.

At age 20, English major Mac Tonnies has become a published author, with his new collection of science fiction short stories, "Illumined Black." The nine stories in the book focus on such topics like using nightmares instead of capital punishment, advanced virtual reality and cryogenics, which is the technology of freezing humans and thawing them out later.

"The critics who have read it and commented on it have said it's about nature of identity — characters searching for what they are," Tonnies said.

Tonnies started compiling the book a little over

a year ago, but it was delayed many times until its release within the past month. Many of the stories date back months or years before now, which troubles Tonnies slightly.

"I don't think either the publisher or me knew what this was going to be," he said. "In some ways, it's not wholly representative of what I'm writing now (because some of it is older). Some of them look relatively underdeveloped to me."

Tonnies first came in contact with the publisher, Phantom Press Publications in Nantucket Island, Mass., when he submitted a short story to a magazine the company prints.

"I found the address (of the magazine) at random and it looked like a place that would like my stuff," he said. "They were nice enough to make comments on it."

In the magazine, called *Next Phase*, Tonnies has

become something of a regular contributor, he said. Some of the stories in "Illumined Black" have been featured in the magazine.

Although he said he has tried submitting stories to larger markets, Tonnies said he has found a happy home in the smaller publications available for writers.

"Most people make the mistake of sending their stuff to big publishers — *The New Yorker* or *Bantam Books*," he said. "All they get are blank rejection letters. The small press has all kinds of very critically acclaimed stuff."

For now, the pay Tonnies received for his published work has been mostly copies of the publications. In fact, for "Illumined Black," he received a number of books to sell to make his profit. Although established authors receive a percentage of book profits, Tonnies said his system equals about

as much as a set percentage of the sales might.

To Tonnies, however, the money has not been the biggest pay-off for him from this book.

"It kind of defines me as an individual," he said. "People may see me writing all the time on the word processor, and now I have something to show for it."

Tonnies could not count the number of short stories he has written in his lifetime although he did say he likes to produce a solid story about every two months.

Besides dousing himself with his work, Tonnies is also involved with Campus Activity Programmers as the coffeehouse chair. His work with that group mirrors his interest in the coffeehouse atmosphere. He said he enjoys spending time at

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"Illumined Black"
by Mac Tonnies

price: \$9.95
available: at the Bearcat Bookstore, the Bookstop and from Tonnies.
publisher: Phantom Press

Our View

University should redo textbook policy

It is time for University officials to shape up their policy regarding textbooks. When unknown students come to Northwest, they hear that textbooks are provided and the rental cost is added to tuition prices. This, however, is far from true.

Some professors and instructors are constantly making their students buy extra books at the bookstore, some of which are never used. These books do not cost a mere \$5; according to the bookstore's own figures, they usually cost between \$20 and \$35 new. Given, you can buy used, but used supplies are limited and students are forced to pay more money.

Students probably expect to buy some books upon arrival to campus, but the University really misleads students, many of whom cannot afford these extra prices.

The University boasts affordable prices. If they truly want to appeal to students who come from families with low incomes, they would look at this situation and take action.

The real shame lies with lazy pro-

fessors and instructors who refuse to order new books for their classes when their old ones are grossly out of date.

Some professors even tell you on the first day of classes that you will never use the issued book because it is not very good. If one textbook is bad or out of date and will never be used, why do students even receive them?

Another travesty in the situation concerns the Bearcat Bookstore, which will buy the books back. But its offers are hardly worthwhile, even for those books still in mint condition. They then turn around and sell the same book for 25 percent of the original price.

Students do not have choices. They are forced to buy books that they truly need in order to pass the class.

University officials need to re-evaluate the way textbooks are handled and professors need to order new books. Until then, students will continue receiving the rotten end of the deal. It is time for students to demand justice from the University.



CAMPUS EDITORIAL

Our View

Congrats to county for sesquicentennial

Congratulations to Nodaway County residents and officials in charge of the sesquicentennial celebration. The festival started with an enthusiasm that lasted the entire weekend.

One look at the tents, activities and performances at it was more than evident how much time and effort went into the project. It was great to see the county's past being honored.

Several officials visited other festivals in order to make contacts who would help bring more activities and shows to the festival.

These officials also found resources within the county to entertain, and by doing this, promoted local talent.

Give sesquicentennial officials a hand for showing off the talents and prestige of the community.

Maryville's rich history finally received its due at the festival as local people offered their own spins on the past of the area, and the officials of the festival gave these people a place to showcase their memories.

The officials are not the only people to thank, however. Many Maryville, as well as Nodaway County, residents gave the festival support and added their own participation.

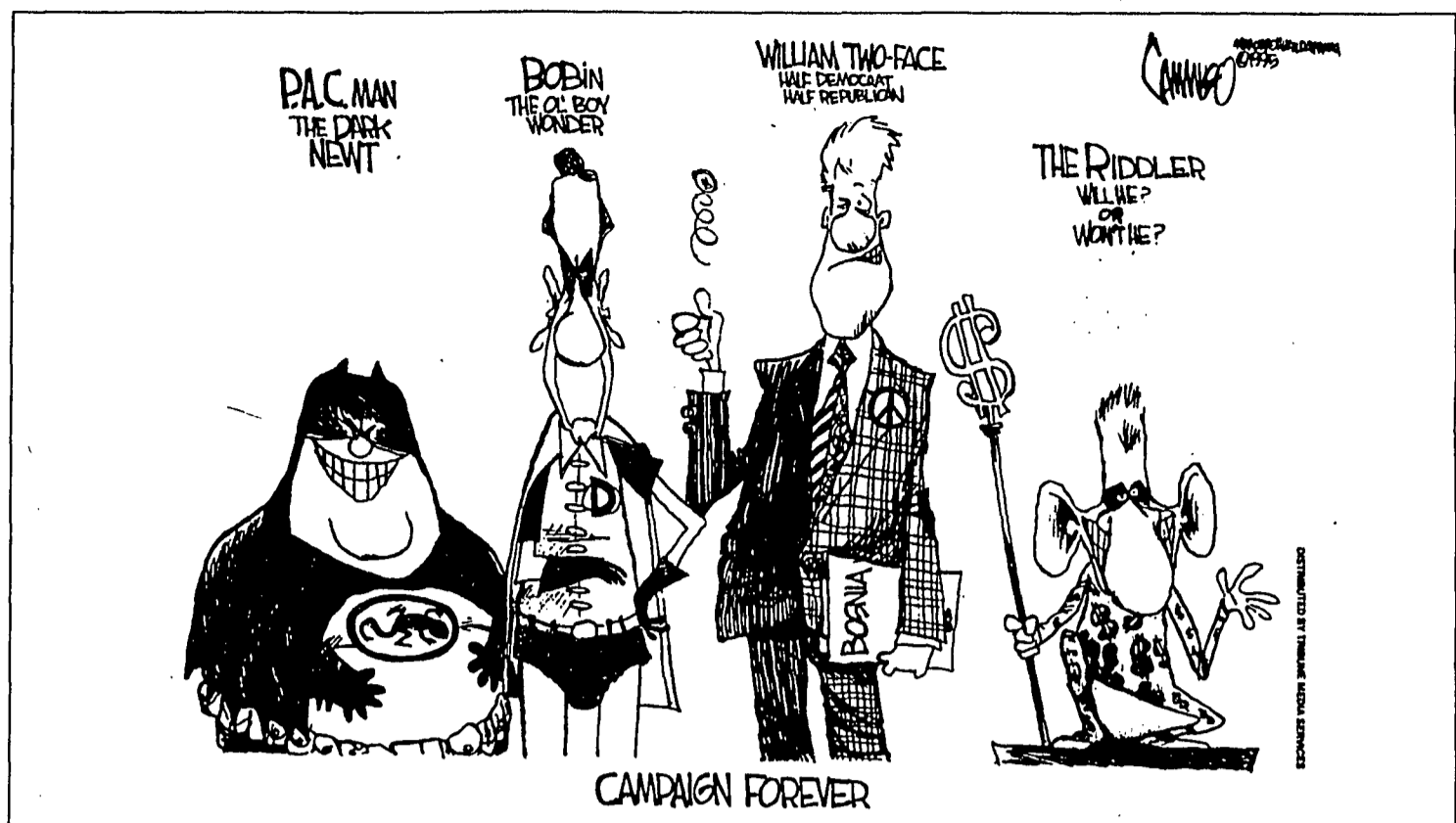
Many of the entertainers for the festival were local, and their talents shone in front of audiences. The festival provided a chance for the community to look at what the area has to offer.

Also, the support from those who volunteered demonstrations to visitors at the events was abundant. Demonstrators took the opportunity to share their talents with the rest of the county and encouraged other presenters to join the celebration, and visitors turned out in large numbers for almost every presentation and event.

More important than numbers, attitudes soared high, and people on the grounds at the airport smiled and greeted other passersby. Hopefully, the festival's atmosphere will continue, and the enthusiasm will spread over the town on a more permanent basis.



CITY EDITORIAL



My Turn

This University owes me a good job

Next week, a site team will judge Northwest on its ability to implement quality management as the University enters the final round of competition for the Missouri Quality Award. Come again?

Allow me to interpret: A bunch of important folks will visit us to judge us for a fancy-smancy award. Whoopie.

But seriously, earning the Missouri Quality Award means people at this University are working to ensure quality for students, who are the primary customers.

And, for the most part, it has done a darn good job of providing a quality product.

Plus, it's all at a price students can barely afford, which isn't bad, considering that other colleges offer something significantly less at a price students can't afford.

If this University is really serious about hanging around with the ranks of big-wig companies like AT&T and Folgers, then it better start doing some of the things these big guys have done in order to grab a chunk of the consumer market.

So, I've got an idea. As part of this institution's quest for quality, Northwest should promise a money-back guarantee.

That's right. If students do not acquire a suitable job in their career field once they have completed their degree, they can return it and get their money back.



DERRICK BARKER

*'Crazy idea,' you say?
Not if you apply the
concepts of quality.*

Sounds simple, huh? Well, "crazy" might be a better word, but it's not so kookie when you apply quality management to my little proposal. Try this exercise in quality and see for yourself:

Let's pretend, for a moment, that I'm not really a student trying to earn a grade, but a customer trying to buy a product.

I get out my shopper (course catalog) and select the things I want (course programs, majors, minors, degrees) and then I find out how much they cost (both in dollars and time/work commitment).

However, I find out that the product I have purchased — and worked hard to attain — doesn't work (I'm unemployed or underemployed). Wouldn't it make sense to demand my money back?

Most educators would probably say no way. "This isn't a job factory," they'd say.

True, but let's be honest here. Making a living through education is the reason most of us came to college. We should know that education and getting a job go hand-in-hand. After all, what company is looking for ignorance in their future employees?

Does a college guarantee sound like a wacky idea?

So what if it does? Why shouldn't educational institutions in a capitalist country put their money where their mouths are? I've kept my receipts since the time I set foot at Northwest.

Administrators, take note: If am left with no employment opportunities, be prepared to write a check for \$15,000, which is the estimated out-of-state tuition I will have paid during my career here.

Sweating? Don't worry. After all, this is a quality institution. I should have no problem finding a good job. Or will I?

Derrick Barker is the design director for the Northwest Missourian.

Purpose and Politics

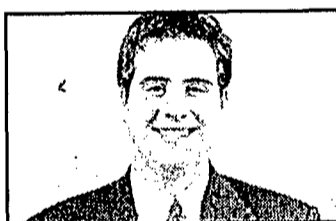
Book encourages dangerous activities

It is understood and encouraged that involvement in organizations at college enhances school pride and personal development. At Northwest, fraternal organizations play a large role in this area building lifetime friendships.

So when I first heard about the book "Fraternity Gang Rape" and its usage in a campus text would teach students that fraternities are dangerous environments and should be avoided at all costs.

I started reading the book and some striking characteristics stuck out. For one, the author of the book, Peggy Reeves Sanday, used case studies in which every instance had not been tried in court with both the accused and accuser present but were legitimate cases nonetheless because the woman said it happened. The book plays on the theme that the woman must be protected from men's dangerous sexuality.

Second, Sanday has very aggressive, feminine overtones in which she uses to describe issues in the book. For instance she said that "...young women are victimized because they are pawns in a status game played by the brothers" (p. 57). Sanday, in addition to claiming members, describe women with vulgar words, build a strong case in which any rationality for objection to gang rape has already convicted the accused.



HAWKEYE WILSON

*The Greek system
promotes unity, but
author questions values.*

The last issue that struck me odd is the fact that all the women who had supposedly been gang raped were under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or both. One case study took four hits of LSD and drank unforeseen amounts of alcohol and then waited five days to contact anyone.

Near the book's end, Sanday makes a suggestion that in order to counterattack gang rape, more responsibility has to be taken on both sides of the parties. I wholeheartedly agree and I believe our University contains the necessary means to deal with this in an effective manner.

First, Student Senate should issue a resolution taking a stand against gang rape

and showing that all the members are against this sort of activity. Not all students are involved in the Greek system and more often than not, independent women attend fraternity parties.

Second, the Inter-Fraternity Council should educate the fraternities to prevent any possible case of gang rape from occurring here and possibly set up workshops or speakers to educate members.

Lastly, the sorority council, Panhellenic, also plays a role in that it should tell women to be more responsible with their behavior in case they may fall into any uncomfortable or threatening situation. If alcohol is present at parties, consumption should be limited and sorority members should keep tabs on each other.

I talked to the professor teaching this course, Roger Neustadter, and found him to be a likable person. I did not find anything threatening about him or his plans in using the book in class because the students have an option to write a paper on the book.

Neustadter's justification for the book's use was that gang rape is an issue in society that corresponds with the course. The book's subject, however, presents a biased picture that damages the image and credibility of some uniting student institutions that the University has to offer.

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Letter to the Editor

Leaders not addressing concerns

Dear Editor,
I write this letter with mixed thoughts and emotions. It is in regard to an article that was printed in the *Missourian* Sept. 7, in which David Angerer, city manager, states five problem areas of the city.

I remember when the arguments over Mzingo Lake were hot. Many opponents felt the day would come that we could say, "We

told you so." The day is here and as I watch our needs go down the tube, it doesn't give me the satisfaction I thought; it upsets me.

These same needs were evident then and very real concerns of the Mzingo opponents, and we could see they would be future problems. As these concerns were voiced our leaders thoughts were — BUILD THE LAKE!

We have the lake and the same problems still staring us in the face. One question, where's all the money the lake was going to

bring to the city? I suspect the money for the changes will come from the residents.

My concern is will the people ever trust the leaders to approve spending for these improvements?

Despite our needs, we elected to go with a golf course instead of attacking our real problems. Am I the only one who does not understand what is going on or how we can continue to operate as we have been?

Donna Hartman, Maryville resident

MyTurn

Law enforcement confronts critiques

In general, my practice when confronted with professional criticism is to not respond except in extreme circumstances. Often a response only lends to validate your critiques and their followers.

Recent nationally publicized incidents are escalating to again cast a dark shadow on the law enforcement profession, compelling me to at least a brief response.

Addressing this with brevity is difficult in that the issues are both simple and complex.

The complexity lies in the "state of a nation" or attitude of society.

There is a feeling of distrust of government in general and law enforcement, which, although somewhat independent, is in reality the most visible segment of government.

This attitude, or desire, of finding wrong with government makes law enforcement, or that highly visible segment, an easy target for the media, which are eager to "sell" and report just what the public demand of them.

We tolerate and allow more and more negative reporting to substantiate our perception of government and incompetence.



KEITH WOOD

Society's attitude lends itself to assume all officers are untrustworthy.

The simplicity of this issue is in what motivates the men and women who are good law enforcement officers at whatever level they might serve.

The common denominator of all individuals

worthy of standing behind their badge is that they entered the profession as a way of trying to make things better; of making a difference, even if only in some small way.

They enter and remain in an occupation with conditions that few others require.

They subject themselves to ridicule from people for something that occurs hundreds of miles away and over which they had absolutely no control.

They work in an environment that is becoming more adversarial from internal influences while the tools to do their jobs and ability to effectively protect the public becomes diminished and diluted.

Our challenge is to see beyond the sensationalism that barges us daily and identify the realism that the overwhelming majority of law enforcement officials are not representative of the few bad examples, but are committed, devoted professionals serving with hope to make a safer, healthier society.

Keith Wood is the director of Maryville Public Safety.

MyTurn

Alternative concert lacks ticket sales

It's only two weeks away — for the first time in three years, Campus Activity Programmers is bringing an alternative band to campus. So, where is everybody?

As of last Thursday, Violent Femmes had only generated 617 in tickets sales out of a possible 2,500. This comes after the numerous bombardments we have received to bring an alternative band to campus.

We thought that after three years of all country acts, now would be a good time to explore new avenues. Still, those people who clamored for anything but country have apparently not found the time or energy to buy tickets yet. Why is that?

We can only guess some of the reasons: the seating being general admission, the false rumors of the concert already being sold out or that we're catering to a select crowd.

For the record, the rumors that the concert is sold out are wrong. Perhaps the reason people think that the Femmes are for a more select crowd is because they don't know what kind of music this group plays. Many have heard the songs "Blister in the Sun," "Add it Up" and "Kiss Off" but don't realize the Femmes sing them.

Please don't complain that we bring only



REBEKAH PINICK

Students claim country acts plague campus, yet fail to support Violent Femmes at the box office.

country and then not buy tickets to concerts such as the Violent Femmes. If this isn't the type of alternative band you want, then please give us some feedback. Come to our meetings and let us know your opinions.

On the other hand, tickets for Collin Raye, which is two months after the Violent Femmes, have outsold the Femmes, with a total of 960

seats sold for both shows in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Not only that, but Collin Raye tickets are more expensive compared to the Femmes (\$16 as opposed to \$12).

What this tells us, if we go strictly by numbers, is that country appears to be more popular and has a more loyal audience than alternative. Could the many people who asked us to bring an alternative band be wrong? Is it true that they are merely a small, albeit vocal, portion of music fans?

If you listen to the radio these days, that doesn't seem to be the case. Hootie and the Blowfish, Smashing Pumpkins, Blues Traveler and the like have dominated the airwaves of many popular radio stations for years.

I doubt that this "trend" of music is being sustained by just a small, vocal group.

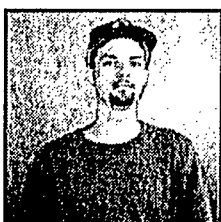
So, where are you guys? Please show us if you support this type of music. We are trying to bring more variety to campus to satisfy as many people as possible. So, give some support please.

We can't bring the entertainment you want if you don't tell us what you want.

Rebekah Pinick is the president of Campus Activity Programmers.

YourTurn

Will there be a third party candidate?



Dustin McCollom
Finance major

"No, because you have not heard of anyone outside of the two parties that are running for the presidency."



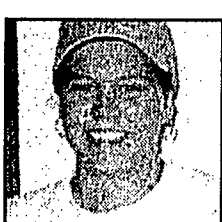
Janee Lechleitner
Homemaker

"I think there will be because we have outgrown the two-party system."



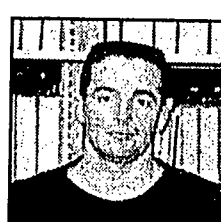
Frank McGary
Hy-Vee employee

"I believe there will be a third-party candidate, but I could not tell you who it would be."



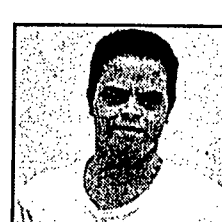
Jessie Clark
Public Relations major

"I think there will be because there is so much controversy with the two candidates we have."



Jason Bailey
Agriculture Science major

"I think maybe Ross Perot will run again. He has good ideas and money, and he knows how to make the economic system run."



Bryan Kaplan
Broadcasting major

"I am sure there will be a third-party candidate. I think Perot might run or maybe Jesse Jackson."

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Thursday, Sept. 14

9 a.m. - Sophomore assessment in the Regents Room.
Noon - Sharing of ideas in the Northwest Room.
2 p.m. - Town hall meeting in the Union Ballroom.
5:30 p.m. - Campus Activity Programmers meeting in the Northwest Room.
6:30 p.m. - Tau Phi Upsilon meeting in the Regents Room.
7 p.m. - Intramurals/walleyball meeting in 133 Lamkin Activity Center.
Freshman class elections on the VAX.

Friday, Sept. 15

Second installment due in the cashiering office.
Immigration and naturalization in the Northwest Room.
Volleyball - Baker University Tourney in Baldwin, Kan.
Last date to audit a semester course.
Student Senate special elections.

Saturday, Sept. 16

1:30 p.m. - Bearcat football vs. Southwest Baptist University at Rickenbrode Stadium.
Hispanic Month Perspective/disc Cross Country Invitational at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln.

Sunday, Sept. 17

2 p.m. - Bearcat softball vs. Missouri Western State College at home.

Monday, Sept. 18

10 a.m. - Hispanic American Leadership Organization Hall of Fame in the University Club South
4:30 p.m. - Homecoming meeting in 228 Colden Hall.
7 p.m. - Intramurals/walleyball
7:30 p.m. - Café Karma with Michael Gulezian in the Union Ballroom.
Espial Here recruiting in the Career Services Office.
S/O Kmart recruiting interview in the Career Services Office.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

7:30 p.m. - Christy Lane dance in the Union Ballroom.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

10 a.m. - Board of Regents meeting in the University Club.
3 p.m. - Departmental student recital in the Charles Johnston Theater.
5 p.m. - Residence Hall Association meeting.
7:30 p.m. - Theater: "The Dining Room" in the Mary Lin Dining Arts Center.
Federal Reserve recruiting in the Career Services Office.
Deloitte and Touche recruiting in the Career Services Office.

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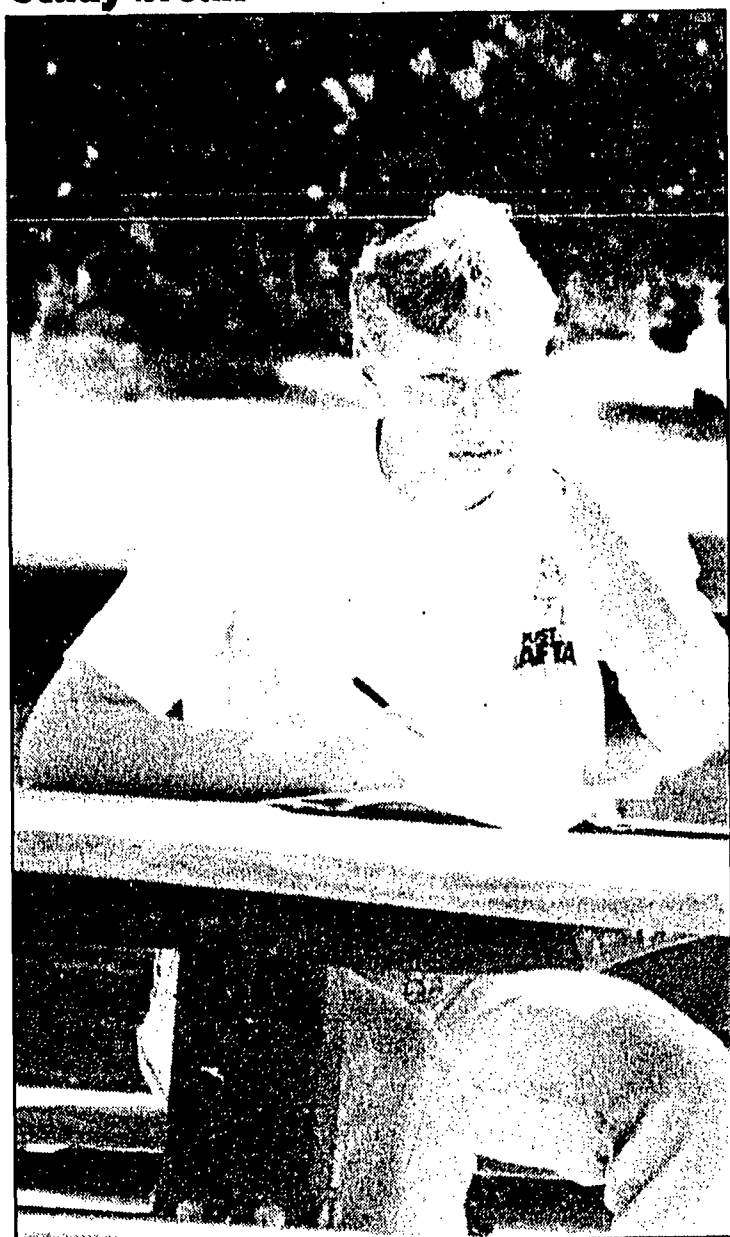
purses in their cars. Stuff like that is just an invitation for someone to break in."

Many studentson campus do not take preventative steps to keep their cars safe.

"I never lock my doors," Brian Froelker said. "I guess I'm just a trusting person."

Collie said Campus Safety is doing everything possible to catch those responsible for the recent thefts, but students must take the necessary steps to avoid being a victim of theft.

Study break



GREG DALRYMPLE/Missourian Staff

Take five Aaron Olsen takes his homework outside in an attempt to enjoy the lovely weather last week. After the summer-long heatwave, the 70-degree temperatures were a welcomed change, and made most outdoor experiences nicer.

Bearcat Patrol seeks help after severe funding cuts

Shortage of workers worries participants, Campus Safety

KELLY MOONEY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

If you have free time on your hands and want to belong to something on campus, but you don't know what, here's a suggestion — become a member of the Bearcat Patrol.

The Bearcat Patrol began last spring as a student patrol that was used to be an extra set of eyes and ears around campus by either bicycle or foot.

Most of their work centered around checking parking lots, providing escorts and checking the residence halls to make sure nothing is interfering with the safety of the students.

The program is in its second semester and has not received enough funding to expand the program beyond what already exists.

Funding is supposed to be coming from a student account that Campus Safety operates. Tom Dover, Campus Safety director, said they had no money to work with because it was a pilot project.

"It's not that we had a cut in funding, but we just didn't have the money to begin with," Dover said.

To fill in the gap caused by the insufficient funding, the patrol has

been improvising by asking for anyone interested in being a volunteer or an intern.

Right now, they have two student interns and are trying to find volunteers.

But using volunteers is a little uncertain because it is still unknown how often the patrol would be on duty.

One person who returned to the patrol, Steve Merrill, has become a dispatcher.

He would like to see the patrol return because he thinks it adds an extra element of security.

"We'd usually be out from 6:30 to 11 at night," he said. "It depended on the amount of activity on campus. We'd walk through buildings, talk to students (and) we'd keep our eyes out in the parking lots."

What's in the future of the Bearcat Patrol?

Regardless of whether or not it receives funding, the program will continue to exist on a volunteer basis.

Both Dover and Merrill believe the program is worthwhile and much needed.

"I feel it's a program that's very much needed, whether I'm doing it or someone else is doing it," Merrill said. "It's just that extra element."

To volunteer for the Bearcat Patrol, contact Campus Safety at extension 1254 or stop by the office on campus.

Freshman class to elect Senate representatives

3 senators resign, which creates voids in leadership roles

ANNE HENDRICKS
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Student Senate needs you.

The senators passed an amendment to the bylaws last week that created five elected on-campus representatives.

Now, the new voting policy needs to replace the old policy in the Student Government Association Constitution.

To do that, the new voting policy will be brought before Student Senate for approval for the constitution. It is expected to pass.

The amendment will then be brought before the student body.

"I hope they (the students) come out and vote, and I hope they vote 'yes'," Travis Dimmitt said. "If they don't say 'yes,' the students will return to the old ways of voting, which is absurd. Student Senate will become a mad house."

The amendment was developed to eliminate the double representation that some students were receiving.

That's not all Student Senate needs from you, however.

Freshmen and special elections will take placetoday and Friday.

The open positions include executive treasurer, two junior class representatives, one on-campus representative and five off-campus representatives.

Although all applications have been accepted for this election, students are encouraged to run for office in the future.

"We're working on publicizing elections," Angela DeWinter, chief of staff and vice president of elections, said. "Please, volunteer your effort and energy. We want you to."

The polls will be open on the computer today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Three senators handed in their resignations this week because of personal reasons.

Those senators included are Jeremy Browning, sophomore class representative, Niki Hensler, vice president for financial affairs and Dave Nuttall, vice president for academic affairs.

Student Senate will draw from the pool of sophomores that ran for sophomore class representative to replace Browning and will appoint senators from within the organization to fill the other two positions.

Students display cultural pride

JOSH NAUMAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Students and college organizations are receiving a chance to show their pride in culture all this month.

All throughout September the Hispanic American Leadership Organization will be holding some culturally informative campus events. Since Sept. 1 a display on the first floor of Owens Library has been depicting many famous Hispanics.

"Taking pride in your culture, but not shoving your culture down other people's throats, is the prime objective of these events," Marisa Sanchez, president of HALO, said.

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"Winning is important because everybody understands winning," Hubbard said.

"They (people) may not understand a thing about the Baldrige Award (the national award the Missouri Quality Award is based on), but they know you won."

Bob Bush, vice president of Applied Research, said a university may have a tougher time winning the award than a business.

While the standards of excellence

are just as high for Northwest as for any business, checking the final results for excellence is a different process.

"Education is a little different than a normal business," Bush said. "We make a covenant with the student. The student comes to the University with certain expectations, and we have to fill those expectations."

Bush said it is not always easy to tell if the student received a quality education.

"It's hard to judge if a student is

On Monday HALO will sponsor the Hispanic Hall of Fame from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Club North and South.

On Sept. 30 there will be an eclectic cultural festival in front of the Student Union from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., which will include some dancing and videos.

"Everybody on campus is affected in some minute way by different cultures," Sanchez said. "Knowing about them gives everyone the upper edge and makes one more knowledgeable because even in Maryville there is an awareness in culture and an aptitude for open-mindedness."

HALO was established here four years ago by Lori Castro and is currently a statewide organization. HALO meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Northwest Room.

successful coming out of school," Bush said. "Do you judge by the amount of money they're making? Do you judge by if they like their job or not? The best way to tell is if they are an effective, multi-functioned professional."

Judging for the award will be Oct. 3-4. The final decisions will be made the second day of judging. Results could be announced immediately, or it could be delayed until Gov. Mel Carnahan makes an official presentation of the awards.

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Gourmet Pleasures, where he has read some of his poetry at open-mic nights.

Among his favorite authors, Tonnies lists Franz Kafka, Tom Wolfe and Kurt Vonnegut, although current cyberpunk authors such as William Gibson have had an impact on his writing, he said.

These authors, and a lifetime of being a voracious reader, have helped fuel Tonnies' interest in books.

"I read everything," he said. "Although science fiction is my favorite. I'm not embarrassed to say that."

Despite his seemingly prolific output so far, (he began submitting to magazines in eighth grade) he remains cautious as to his chances in writing.

"It's very naive to say I'm going to write books and make a living right away," he said. "As much as I write about the distant future, I'm still vague about my own."

Still, as most people do, Tonnies has hung on to his childhood aspirations.

"I wanted to be an astronaut," he said. "I still do. I think it would be a great public relations thing to send a science fiction writer to Mars."



English major **Mac Tonnies** has published his first book, "Illumined Black."

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